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SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to say I just think this is an excellent bill that Senator Wickersham has brought to us. If you're in those rural communities and if you are bringing somebody in who has been in an accident or whatever into some of those small hospitals, they need, they need that extra set of hands and I just think that this will help those small rural hospitals a great deal with some of the problems that they do that and it will take and use also the training and supervision that EMTs have done and it will allow them to further their skills that they do have, so I just think it's a win-win situation and I'm pleased Senator Wickersham brought the amendment (sic--bill) and that we could pass this into law. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to close on advancement.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I'll be very brief. I hope you support the bill, of course. Again, I want to thank Senator Erdman for making this his priority bill and certainly want to thank Senator Jensen and the Health Committee. They...this might appear to be a small bill. They have exerted considerable effort and a great deal of time to make it work. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1033. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 mays on the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Bill advances. We next move on to LB 426. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 426 was introduced by Senator Connealy and others. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 9th of last year, referred to Judiciary Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM1009, Legislative Journal page 1151, First Session, 2001.)